

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2013
6:15 P.M.

The Parks and Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 W. 15th Street. President Sue Otte called the meeting to order. Members present were: Will St. John, Dave Malson, and Aaron Gurley. James Zachery and Paul Barada were absent. Also present was Parks Director Danny Mathews, Secretary Carla Sharpe, Attorney Tracy Newhouse, Parks Liaison Brad Berkemeier and Pool Manager Rita Kaster.

Minutes: Minutes of July 9, 2013 was presented for approval. Malson moved to approve the July minutes. St. John seconded the motion. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Claims: St. John and Malson reviewed claims prior to meeting. Malson moved to approve the claims for the month. St. John seconded the motion. Motion carried. Claims approved.

Mayor's Report: None at this time.

Parks Director's Report: Mathews reported there will be a Gospel Sing on September 7th. This is the third year with a lot of Rushville talent. There is a nice right up in the paper tonight. Very fortunate to have a young man sing this year with Autism. Mathews encouraged everyone to come and listen to some good music.

Reports from Other Committees and Boards:

Aaron Gurley – Kids Summer Camp Program Wrap up Report – Gurley presented the Parks Board with a poster his kids made to thank the group for allowing the Kids Summer Camp. Gurley reported he had 70 kids daily with 12 camp leaders. 25 kids came to the concert to get their certificates. There were a couple minor scrapes but other than that things ran smoothly. Fields Outdoor Adventure provided subway for lunch one day. The school did an exceptional job providing lunches and getting them to the kids. Everyone did an excellent job. Zachery attended 4 of the 5 days to help which was appreciated. INTAT was the big Sponsor and they have promised to Sponsor again next year.

Gurley reported he has \$2,738.34 in the Summer Camp Account for next year.

Gurley then thanked Mathews for allowing him to put this program on.

Mathews stated this program was very well organized, kids had fun and Gurley did a wonderful job.

Gurley said the pool pass was very popular.

Aaron Gurley – Parks Patrol Update – Parks Patrol logged 51 ½ hours last month. Several different walkers this year.

Carla Sharpe – Amphitheater Update – Sharpe reported the Country concert last weekend went great. Big crowd, great weather. The next concert will be Saturday, August 24th with 650 North taking the stage at 7:00 p.m. and Who's Bad, the Ultimate Michael Jackson Tribute Band taking the stage at 8:00 p.m. Sharpe invited all to attend.

Otte stated the Library will be selling smores on August 24th.

Unfinished Business: Swimming Pool Wrap Up Report – Kaster stated the last week was the hottest week all summer. They made \$168.00 on chair rental. \$344.00 on car wash. 48 kids took swim lessons and they had several big parties.

Malson asked Kaster if she was willing to come back next year. Kaster said yes she is. She stated that Jean Kopf will not be returning next year but that Gina Dyer is interested in coming back as Assistant Pool Manager as he daughter won't be returning next year. Malson asked to have this put on the agenda in February.

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Kaster stated that a lot of kids will not be returning next year as she will have several new people. She will not need as many people in the concession stand next year. The pool was closed for 25-26 days this year due to weather. Her employees were disappointed they didn't make as much money this year.

The board thanked Kaster for her service.

Otte asked Kaster if she had numbers, what we took in and what we have spent out. Kaster will get this from the Clerk-Treasurer for next month's meeting.

Kaster then stated that Little Ceasers pizza fell through but Pizza King worked out a deal.

New Business: Approval to Sponsor Horseshoe Tournament in September – Mathews stated the 9th Annual Horseshoe Tournament is coming up and asked the board to approve \$500 for prize money. Gurley made a motion to approve \$500. Malson seconded motion, motion carried. The money will come out of Non Reverting Fund Special Events.

There will also be a Memorial for Bob Sheppard.

Approval to Pay for Sound System for Gospel Sing on September 7th - Mathews asked permission to pay \$500.00 towards the Sound System for the Gospel Sing. He stated we have done this the past three years.

Newhouse stated the Mayor received an email in reference to this Gospel Sing and due to separation of church and state it's probably not a good idea to make this contribution out of tax payer's money.

Malson stated the Amphitheater is its own entity and suggested making the Gospel Sing a part of the concert series to reframe from a law suit against the City.

Sharpe stated she has an Amphitheater meeting tomorrow night and will ask them to sponsor this event.

Items not known in advance: Gurley stated he has had a request for a Dog Park. He has spoken to the Mayor and he is okay with it. Gurley asked permission to research a Dog Park and to work with the Animal Warden.

He is considering putting it in the old skate park in Community Park since there is a fence already up. He will get donations so there will be no financial burden to the City. The only thing that will need to be fixed is to extend the water to the park.

The Board gave Gurley permission to research a Dog Park.

There being no further business, Malson moved to adjourn. Gurley seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY